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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF CARTER INAUGURATION

1. CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS IN GENERAL TREATED PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION VERY BRIEFLY AND RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARDLY, USING QUOTES FROM INAUGURAL SPEECH. SOME COVERAGE INCLUDES QUOTE FROM BREZHNEV JANUARY 18 SPEECH IN TULA ABOUT TYPE OF RELATIONS HE HOPES TO ESTABLISH WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION.
2. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON INAUGURATION IS IN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY RUDE PRAVO AND IS WRITTEN BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MILAN JELINEK, WHO DEMONSTRATES THAT HE IS ON THE PROPER SIDE OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE. JELINEK'S COMMENTARY TAKES THE LINE THAT CARTER'S INAUGURATION WILL MEAN NO REAL CHANGE IN US OR IN DIFFICULTIES

IT FACES SINCE THOSE DIFFICULTIES CANNOT BE ERADICATED BY ANY BOURGEOIS ADMINISTRATION. HE SAYS CARTER IS NOT STARTING ANEW AND HAS NO NEW PROGRAM, ONLY SOME DIFFERENT POLITICAL CONCEPTIONS "TO DEFEND THE LONG-LASTING INTERESTS OF US IMPERIALISM." HE ACCUSES CARTER-APPOINTEES OF BEING IN CLUTCHES OF CORPORATIONS AND MONOPOLIES. ONLY POSITIVE NOTE IN JELINEK COMMENTARY IS REFERENCE IN FINAL PARAGRAPH TO NEW PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS
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ON DESIRE TO LIMIT ARMS RACE, SEEK NUCLEAR DIARMAMENT AND PURSUE DETENTE WITH USSR.

3. COMMENT: IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT RUDE PRAVO AS MOST IMPORTANT MEDIA MOUTHPIECE OF CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY DECIDED TO TREAT INAUGURATION IN CLASS TERMS, BUT IN PRINTING JELINEK COMMENTARY IT WENT CONSIDERABLY BEYOND POINT NECESSARY

SIMPLY TO DEMONSTRATE LOYALTY TO USSR AND "SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH."
BY ABANDONING "WAIT AND SEE" APPROACH TAKEN BY MOST OF ITS WARSAW
PACT ALLIES TO NEW ADMINISTRATION, RUDE PRAVO HAD CLEARLY
SIGNALLED THAT WE HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT ANY ABATEMENT IN ITS
TRADITIONAL ANTI-AMERICAN ATTITUDE IN COMING MONTHS.
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